

HOUSE BILL 3973

By Halford

AN ACT to amend Chapter 551 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 106 of the Private Acts of 1915; Chapter 187 of the Private Acts of 1947; Chapter 251 of the Private Acts of 1961; Chapter 40 of the Private Acts of 1987; Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1987; Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1994; Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1998; Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 2001; Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2007; Chapter 106 of the Private Acts of 2008; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter for the City of Trenton.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 551 of the Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 106 of the Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 187 of the Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 251 of the Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 40 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1987, Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1994, Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 2001, Chapter 21 of the Private Acts of 2007, Chapter 106 of the Private Acts of 2008, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 3.

(a) Be it further enacted, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall constitute the City Council. The Board of Aldermen, consisting of six (6) members, and the Mayor, shall be chosen by the qualified voters of the City to serve for a period of four (4) years beginning with the election to be held in November, 2010, and thereafter. The Mayor and Aldermen elected shall take office the second Tuesday in January following the election. If a run-off for the office of Mayor is required as provided in subsection (b), the Mayor elected in such run-off election shall take office on the first meeting of the City Council after

the election is certified or the second Tuesday in January following the election, whichever date is later. No person shall be eligible for the offices of Mayor or Alderman unless such person is a citizen and resident and a qualified voter in the City of Trenton when the person is chosen. If after being elected, such person moves from the City, the office shall thereby become vacant. The compensation for the office of Alderman of the City of Trenton shall be fixed at an amount between a range of two hundred dollars (\$200) per month and six hundred dollars (\$600) per month, which compensation shall be fixed in accordance with Section 6 of the Charter.

(b) Beginning in 2010, and every four (4) years thereafter, the election for Mayor and the Board of Aldermen shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, concurrent with the federal and state elections. A run-off election will be held on the second Tuesday in December following the regular election in the event no candidate for Mayor receives a majority of the votes cast. "Majority" is defined as fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast plus one vote. The six (6) candidates for Aldermen receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. In the event of a tie vote for the sixth seat on the Board of Aldermen, that Alderman shall be selected by the remaining members of the newly elected City Council.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Trenton. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of such legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.